Environmental remedy and Social Investment Programme by Iron-ore companies

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of plants and the number of iron-ore companies in the country dealing with extraction of minerals, State-wise;

(b) whether any of these companies are contribution any amount of environmental remedy and social investment programme in the region of the respective States;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) According to Indian Bureau of Mines, there were 247 operating mines of iron-ore in 2003-04. The list of principal producers of iron-ore in India during 2003-04 is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

The State-wise iron-ore mining leases which are in actual operation are as mentioned below:

Statement

State-wise iron-ore mines

State	Leases/Mines in operation
Andhra Pradesh	5
Chhattisgarh	10
Goa	55
Haryana	-
Jharkhand	18
Karnataka	69
Madhya Pradesh	6
Maharashtra	4

State	Leases/Mines in operation
Orissa	78
Rajasthan	2
All India	247

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As per the information provided by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), Nagpur, every working mine takes steps on environmental remedy like afforestation for stabilization of dead waste dump and for green belt development; taking effective remedies by water sprinkling for air pollution control; effectively utilizing top soil; taking effort for reclamation and rehabilitation; taking steps like construction of garland drains and retaining walls to arrest wash-offs for control of water pollution; taking steps for improved aesthetic and publicity for environmental awareness.

The social investment programmes are housing water supply, sanitation, health and medical facilities, roads, education, training, employment to the locals, public transportation and communication etc.

As per the information provided by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), during 2003-04, an expenditure of Rs.2347.512 lakhs has been incurred by the iron-ore producing mines towards environmental remedies and social investment programmes.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of above.

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Principal producers of Iron-ore in India, 2003-04
(Producing about 68% of total Iron-ore Extraction in 2003-04)

Name & Address of Producers	**State**	**District**
Steel Authority of India Ltd.	Jharkhand	Singhbhum (West)
	Karnataka	Chickmaglur
	Chhattisgarh	Durg
	Orissa	Keonjhar
		Sundergarh

Name & Address of Producers	State	District
National Mineral Development Corpn. Ltd	Karnataka Chhattisgarh	Bellary Dantewada
Tata Iron & Steel & Co. Ltd.	Jharkhand (Orissa)	Singhbhum (West) Keonjhar
Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd.	Karnataka	Chickmaglur
M/s. Sesa Goa Ltd.	Goa	North Goa South Goa
M/s. Essel Mining & Industries Ltd.	Orissa	Keonjhar Sundergarh
M/s. Mysore Minerals Ltd.	Karnataka	Bellary
The Orissa Mining Corporation Ltd.	Orissa	Keonjhar Sundergarh
M/s.Bharat Process & Mechanical Engineers Ltd.	Orissa	Keonjhar
M/s. Sunderlal Sarda & Mohanlal Sarda	Orissa	Keonjhar
M/s. Chowgule & Co. Ltd.	Goa Karnataka	North Goa South Goa Bellary
M/s. V.S. Lad & Sons	Karnataka	Bellary
M/s. Dempo Mining Corporation Ltd.	Goa	North Goa
M/s. Lakshmi Narayan Mining Co.	Karnataka	Bellary
M/s. V.M. Salgaocar & Bro. Pvt. Ltd.	Goa	North Goa South Goa
M/s. Rungta Mines Pvt. Ltd.	Jharkhand Orissa	Singhbhum (West) Keonjhar
M/s. Minerals Sales Pvt. Ltd.	Karnataka	Bellary
M/s. Kaypee Enterprises	Orissa	Keonjhar
M/s. Bandekar Brothers Pvt. Ltd.	Goa	North Goa
M/s. Orissa Mineral Development Co. Ltd.	Orissa	Keonjhar
M/s. Cosme Costa & Sons	Goa	North Goa
M/s. A. Narain Mines Ltd.	Karnataka	Chitradurga
M/s. Tungbhadra Minerals Ltd.	Karnataka	Bellary